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Testimony on AB 351
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Biotechnology and Financial Institutions

I want to thank Senator Sullivan and the Committee for hearing Assembly Bill 351 this afternoon. The bill is short and very straightforward so I will keep my comments brief.

This legislation would designate the bridge on I 39/90/94 over the Wisconsin River between Dekorra and Caledonia in Columbia County as the "Veterans of the American Revolution Memorial Bridge." The signs designating the bridge would be placed at the waysides near the bridge to enable greater visibility for the organization and to not interfere with any Department of Transportation regulations. I have been in contact with the Department and they have not raised any objections to having informational signs placed at the waysides.

Since the early 30's, the Wisconsin Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has been tasked with finding the final resting places of the patriots who chose to move to the Wisconsin Territory following the Revolutionary war. To date, 41 patriots have been identified in Wisconsin, and I can think of no better way to memorialize their sacrifice then honoring them with on one of Wisconsin's most traveled highways.

This designation would help serve as an educational tool for those travelers that stop at the waysides. I would also serve as a reminder to all those travelers that it was a bridge in Concord in 1775 that started the eight-year struggle for American independence.

I thank the Committee again for its attention to this matter and I urge the members to pass AB 351.

